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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability dated March 25, 2003, in the above-identified application, in which the Notice of Allowability incorrectly indicates in item "2." the allowed claims as "20-22, 26-32, 37 and 41-47" and should read -- 20-22, 26-32, 37 and 40-47. (Claim 40 was presented in the Amendment filed on February 10, 2003.) Applicants, therefore, request that the allowed claims in item "2." be corrected to read as follows -- 20-22, 26-32, 37 and 40-47 --.

Applicants also request that in item "4." the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) be acknowledged. Applicants note that a certified copy of the priority

document was filed in parent application no. 09/240,839 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,252,648), on April 19, 1999. Applicants, therefore, request that item "4." be corrected to indicate that the certified copy of the priority document was received in application number 09/240,839.

Accordingly, Applicants request that a corrected Notice of Allowability be issued to make these corrections.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated therewith. A duplicate of this document is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

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